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1. Toro, Sakhalin Island,

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2. The usual sealing of wireless, cameras and binoculars done in USSR ports was accomplished by the port officials, [redacted]

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4. [redacted] the airfield shown on the chart [redacted] was hidden by high trees, there was a certain amount of activity, and [redacted] not more than five twin engine planes going in and coming out of the field. These were all painted green and one was towing a target sleeve. The target plane would make a circle from the field to the west then south and circle over hills north of the airfield, approximately in the area "E" on the chart where anti-aircraft guns fired at the sleeve target. The plane would then circle back to the airfield. The distance was too great to see anything in detail with the naked eye, and [redacted] not able to use binoculars.

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6. [redacted]

7. [redacted]

8. [redacted]

at Nakhodka

Nobody spoke English

The Quarantine Officer was a woman. All the customs people and the harbor master were very pleasant and cordial. The usual rules were complied with, but radios were not sealed and their use was permitted.

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9. [redacted]

the quay appeared to be about 2,000 feet long and constructed of cement blocks with a heavy buffer beam of wood fastened to the seaward face. In back of the face of the quay were rails for electric cranes, and eight or nine of these of the whirler type.

These cranes had both men and women as operators.

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10. [redacted] cranes, had to be mented by winches as there were frequent interruptions of electric current for the cranes and there did not seem to be sufficient current to operate all the cranes at one time.

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11. A dirt road ran on the other side [redacted] the town of Nakhodka which is a fairly large town straggling over several hills with houses mostly built of masonry and a center square of bare earth. [redacted] not see any stores of any sort, but there was one cinema on the square with playbills outside showing pictures of USSR notables.

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[redacted] estimate the distance [redacted] to the center of the town to be about 1 km or perhaps a little more.

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12. Beyond the northern end of the quay at a point marked "C" an old ship is anchored, with its bow on shore, which seems to be used as a supplementary unloading quay for small vessels, and it is at this point that water, which is scarce and expensive, is obtained at a cost of seven and one-half rubles per ton.

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13. The area south [redacted] seemed to be a small naval base. A great deal of construction work was going on (area marked "D" on chart). A number of small patrol vessels were tied up here, and to the east along shore they seemed to be constructing some kind of a quay. This could not be determined with the naked eye. [redacted] saw about five small submarines entering and leaving at different times. Also at the point marked "E" on the chart a large capacity bucket dredge was dredging the harbor. It was loading into lighters which were being towed out to a dumping ground at quite a rapid rate.

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14. There were no merchant ships in port [redacted] although a couple of small Soviet ships tied up [redacted] and were loaded [redacted] a large troop ship of about 8,000 tons departed and appeared to be well loaded with soldiers. [redacted] On another day a passenger ship of approximately the same size entered the port and unloaded a great

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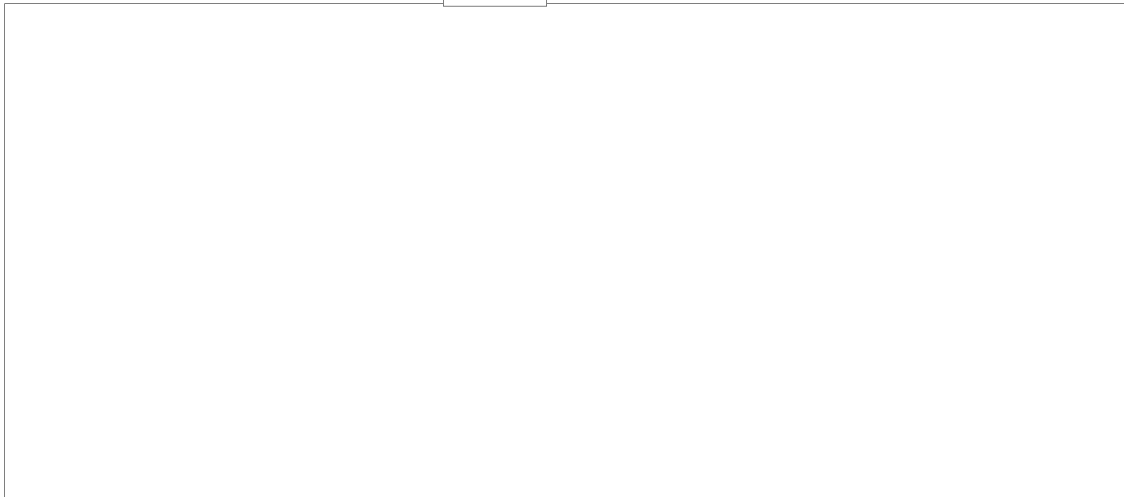
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many people carrying bundles, but [] too far away to identify the type or to count them. 50X1-HUM

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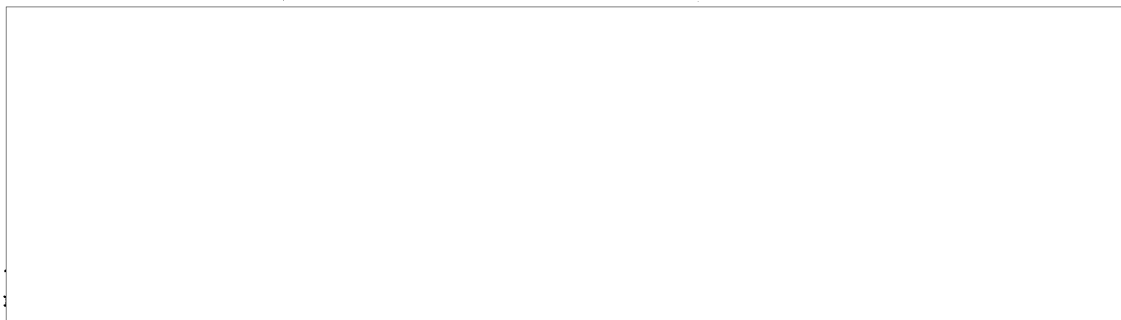
16. [] houses built in the area "F" where a railroad is shown on the chart, but saw nothing of a railroad beyond a distant view of one small locomotive. At the point marked "G" [] a warehouse of one story, with a peaked roof, [] about 200 feet long by 75 or 80 feet in width. [] not see what, if anything, was stored in this warehouse. 50X1-HUM

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17. At the point marked "H" [] three or four long barrelled guns in place on the hill, [] assume to be anti-aircraft guns, but they were too far away to judge accurately. At the point marked "I" there was a semaphore station. [] found the chart [] completely accurate as to lights, depths and bearings. 50X1-HUM

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18.



19. There was much construction of various sorts going on in the vicinity, and in particular, the hills just behind the south end of the jetty were being levelled. The terrain [] was very hilly and of a rocky nature with no trees, but the hills were covered with low-growing bushlike vegetation. 50X1-HUM

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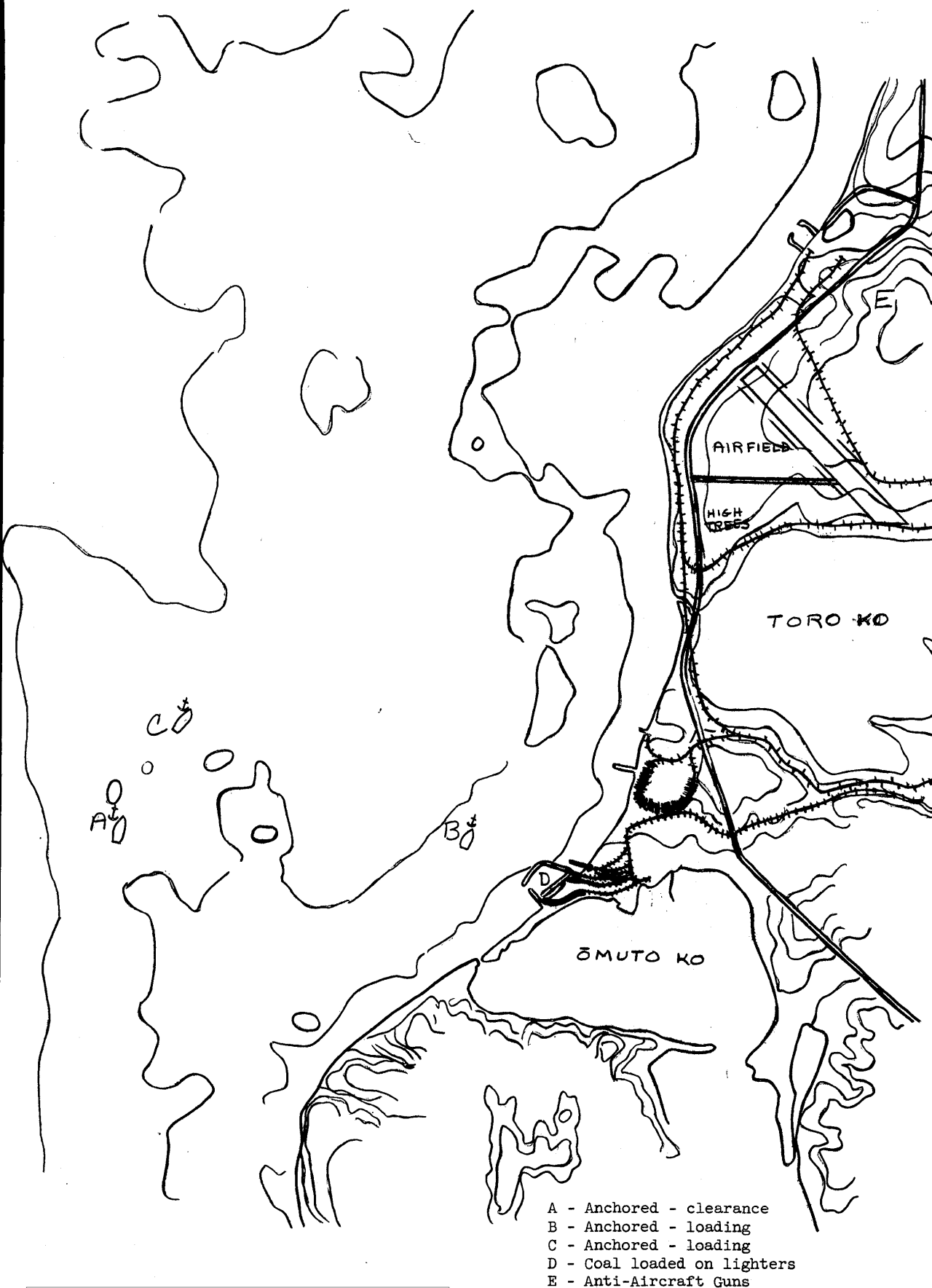
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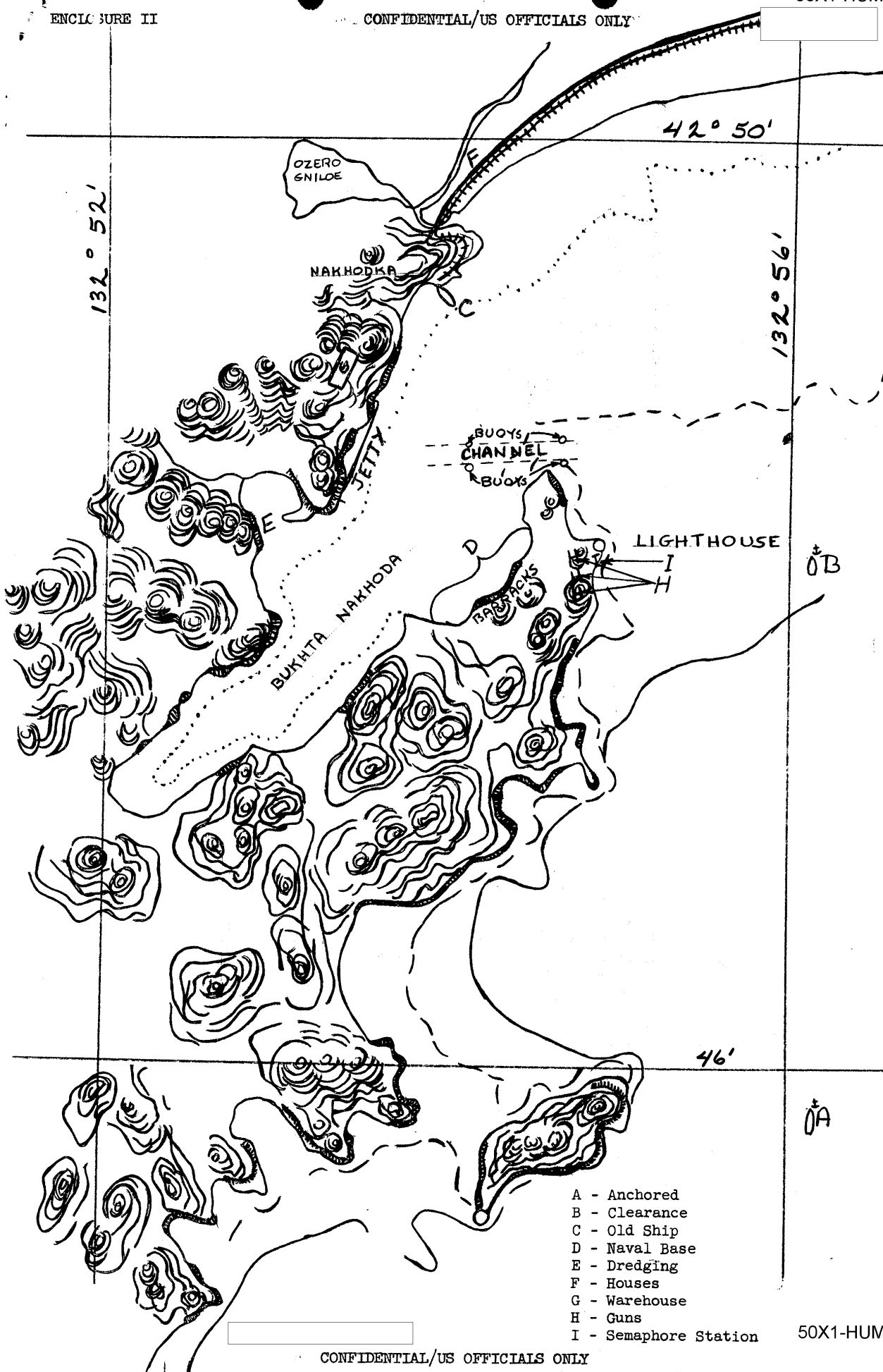


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